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Transmitted herewith for filing is the utility patent application of Inventor(s):

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For: **APPARATUS FOR TESTING STERILIZATION METHODS AND MATERIALS**

1. The application has 53 pages (including claim pages, and abstract).
2. 14 sheets of drawing are enclosed. The drawings are:
 - a. formal; or
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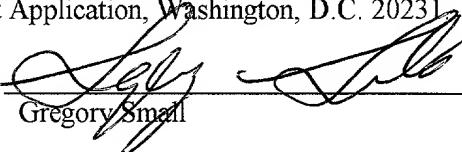
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